

39. A composition according to claim 32 wherein the granular particles or granules have a diameter of from 0.3 to 10 mm and a length that is, on average, 2 to 6 times the diameter.

40. A composition according to claim 37 wherein the granular particles or granules have a diameter of from 0.3 to 10 mm and a length that is, on average, 2 to 6 times the diameter.--

#### REMARKS

These amendments are made for the purpose of removing certain improper multiple dependencies and for clarifying the claim language to point out more particularly and claim more distinctly that which applicants regard as their invention. These amendments do not introduce any new matter. Applicants request examination on the merits of claims 29-33 and 27-40. the elected subject matter, as amended above.

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